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#### ROBERT ORR

Robert Orr was born May 10, 1835 in Kilbirnie, Ayrshire, Scotland, the son of Robert and Elizabeth McQueen Orr. The parents with ten children sailed on the *Falcon* for America and arrived in Utah in the fall of 1853, converts of Mormonism. They settled in Salt Lake City where the father and older boys were employed as workers on the Salt Lake Temple. After a short time the family moved to Tooele county, making their home in Grantsville where Robert Sr. freighted to points both east and west. Robert and his brothers, Matthew and John, frequently accompanied their father and the knowledge they obtained proved a valuable asset when they assisted in the Pony Express venture. Robert is named as a Pony Express rider while other members of the family were employed at the relay stations. Sarah Eliza Wickell became the wife of Robert. After the Pony Express days were over, he returned to Grantsville where he became city marshal and was well known as a musician. Matthew Orr, station keeper at Deep Creek, was at times a substitute rider. He was born in Scotland May 17, 1836, the sixth child of Robert Orr and Elizabeth McQueen Orr. He made his home in various places in Tooele county. Elizabeth Arthur became his wife, and his many descendants are scattered throughout the west. Nicholas Wilson in "Uncle Nick" Among the Shoshones mentions the Orr brothers as being riders of the Pony Express.

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Robert Orr was born May 10, 1855 at Ayrshire, Ayrshire, Scotland, the son of Robert and Elizabeth McQueen Orr. The parents with ten children sailed on the *Palmer* for America and arrived in Utah in the fall of 1858, converts of Mormonism. They settled in Salt Lake City where the father and older boys were employed as workers on the Salt Lake Temple. After a short time the family moved to Tooele county, making their home in Garfield where Robert Sr. frequented saloons both as a customer and as a bartender and his brothers, Matthew and John, frequently accompanied their father and the knowledge they obtained proved a valuable asset when they entered in the Pony Express service. Robert was appointed a Pony Express rider while other members of the family were employed at the relay stations. Sarah Ellen Wickell became the wife of Robert. After the Pony Express days were over he returned to Garfield where he became city cashier and was well known as a mail carrier. Matthew Orr, station boss, at that time was at times a section rider. He was born in Scotland, May 1, 1855, the second child of Robert Orr and Elizabeth McQueen Orr. He made his home in various places in Tooele county. Elizabeth A. Orr, widow, wife, and his many descendants are well known in the area. Nicholas Wilson in "Uncle Ned" says he often saw the boys and their brothers as being riders on the Pony Express.

The mother of Robert Orr, Elizabeth Orr, was a member of the freighters who passed her way to the Pony Express riders.